

**MINUTES OF THE
AUBURN CITY HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING
October 15, 2013**

The regular session of the Auburn City Historic Design Review Commission meeting was called to order on October 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Spokely in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Luebkehan, Willick, Vitas, Combs, Green, & Spokely

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Worthington, Briggs, & Kratzer-Yue

STAFF PRESENT: Will Wong, Community Development Director
Lance E. Lowe, AICP, Associate Planner

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- A. HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW – 1287 HIGH STREET (BRENNEN TRELLIS) - FILE# HDR 13-10.** The applicant requests approval of a Historic Design Review permit for the construction of an attached ±160 square foot trellis in the rear of the building located at 1287 High Street.

Planner Lowe presented the proposed project for HDRC consideration.

Commissioner Luebkehan questioned why the trellis is coming to the Historic Design Review Commission.

Planner Lowe noted that because the property is within the Historic Design Review District, all new structures are required to be reviewed by the Historic Design Review Commission.

Chairman Spokely opened and closed the public hearing with no one present to speak.

Commissioner Luebkehan **MOVED** to approve the attached trellis at 1287 High Street.

Commissioner Vitas **SECONDED** the motion.

AYES:	Luebkehan, Willick, Vitas, Combs, Green, & Spokely
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Worthington, Briggs & Kratzer-Yue

The motion was **APPROVED**

B. HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW – 1101 HIGH STREET (CENTRAL SQUARE BATHROOMS AND PARK) – FILE HDR 13-08. The applicant requests Historic Design Review Commission approval for the construction of a ±400 square foot building with associated improvements for public restrooms. The remainder of the property will be utilized as a small park with planted grass areas.

Planner Lowe presented the project and discussed the architectural design and other components of the project.

Chairman Spokely asked about the stucco wall adjacent to the parking lot.

Planner Lowe noted that the wall has since been removed from consideration.

Chairman Spokely liked the Art Deco architectural design.

Bernie Schroeder, Public Works Director addressed the Historic Design Review Commission and noted that the structure is placed so the corner of the intersection is opened up with grass area. The site will be well lit, clean and follow the theme of the streetscape project.

Mrs. Schroeder noted that the bathrooms will be cleaned at least 3 times per week.

Chairman Spokely asked about the construction schedule.

Mrs. Schroeder noted that the City would like to have the project completed by early spring.

Commissioner Vitas asked if the gates will be automatic gates?

Mrs. Schroeder replied that the gates will not be automatic and will close around dark, depending upon the season.

Commissioner Vitas asked whether or not benches or tables would be installed?

Mrs. Schroeder noted that benches and tables may be a future phase.

Chairman Spokely opened the public hearing.

Brit Olsen, 262 Swenson Court, priest of St. Lukes Church that adjoins the site, addressed the Historic Design Review Commission.

Ms. Olsen noted that having a restroom facility for those in need would certainly be a benefit.

Ms. Olsen asked about the lighting and trash pick-up.

Randal Schumers, 124 Orange Street representing the pre-school at 124 Orange Street, addressed the Historic Design Review Commission. Mr. Schumers noted that the facility looks great, but is concerned about the additional crime and trash in the area that the public bathrooms may generate.

Maylee Schumers addressed the Commission and liked the park, but had safety concerns about the bathrooms.

Commissioner Willick commented that safety concerns are the same concerns that were expressed for Old Town and at Nevada Street bathrooms when they were constructed, but noted that when the facilities are locked up at night, the City did not experience safety issues with these two facilities.

Mrs. Schroeder addressed the lighting and trash pickup schedule and also noted that building lighting will be installed.

Commissioner Luebke asked if there will be trash enclosures in the park as well as the bathrooms?

Mrs. Schroeder replied that there will be trash receptacles in both locations.

Chairman Spokely asked about the separation between the buildings.

Planner Lowe noted that the separation between the buildings is approximately 17 feet.

Ms. Olsen re-addressed the Historic Design Review Commission and asked about the lighting plan behind the bathroom building, next to the parking lot.

Mrs. Schroeder replied that there are no plans to light the parking lot beyond what is currently there. There will however, be a light on the sidewalk adjacent to the parking lot that will provide some light.

Commissioner Luebkehan asked if there will be lighting between the buildings.

Planner Lowe pointed out the locations of the lighting that includes lighting between the buildings.

Mrs. Schroeder noted that in an area of approximately ± 600 square feet, there are four lights.

Chairman Spokely closed the public hearing and noted he appreciated the public comments regarding public safety, but believes that the new building layout and lighting plan, will provide an area that is more open with better lighting.

Chairman Spokely also noted that considering all of the public events in the Central Square area, he believes that the bathroom and park project will be a wonderful addition to the City.

Commissioner Vitas **MOVED** to approve the ± 400 square foot building with associated improvements for public bathrooms & park.

Commissioner Willick **SECONDED** the motion.

AYES:	Luebkehan, Willick, Vitas, Combs, Green, & Spokely
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Worthington, Briggs & Kratzer-Yue

The motion was **APPROVED**

VI. COMMISSION BUSINESS

Historic Design Review Commission Powers and Duties Ad Hoc Committee(s) to provide status updates.

Chairman Spokely updated Commissioner Luebkehan about the status of the committee reports.

Commissioner Luebkehan noted that each of the committees will need to upload all of the information for the website design.

Commissioner Green noted that Commissioner Luebkehan will need at least a week to upload the information to the website.

Commissioner Green noted that his sub-committee would like to meet at least one more time to refine their project and having this completed for the November 1, 2013 meeting may not be enough time.

Chairman Spokely noted that he will circulate the information that his sub-committee has put together.

Commissioner Combs noted that the sub-committee relating to funding has met and is putting together funding opportunities for Historic Preservation.

Director Wong recommended that the sub-committees that are nearing completion present on the November 5, 2013 meeting and those that will not be ready, present at the November 19, 2013 meeting.

VII. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS

A. City Council Meetings

None

B. Future Historic Design Review Commission Meetings

None

C. Reports

None

VIII. HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REPORTS

None

IX. FUTURE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance E. Lowe, AICP, Associate Planner